(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY. INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) BHEL has received an order from NALCO for erection and commissioning including civil works of the main plant and supply of equipments for two 120 MW units (Nos. 9 & 10) for its captive power generation at a cost of Rs. 799.901 crore during December, 2005.

The order is currently under execution and unit No. 9 is scheduled for commissioning within 26 months and unit No. 10 is scheduled for commissioning within 29 months from December, 2005.

Eight units of 120 MW each already exist at NALCO, Angual. With the commissioning of the units 9 & 10, the installed capacity shall go up to 1200 MW.

**Evasion of Customs Duty on Imported Cars.**

†*459. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered with regard to imported costly cars for which custom duty has not been paid;

(b) the number of such cars seized and the amount recovered as fine thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check evasion of custom duty on the imported cars?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) and (b) In the past three years, 113 cases have been booked for attempted evasion of duty in the import of cars. In these cases, 205 cars were seized. The details of the cases are as follows:

* 106 Vehicles have been seized on account of misuse of the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme for service providers.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

* 99 Vehicles have been seized on account of evasion of customs duty by way of mis-declaration of the year of manufacture or model number of such vehicles.

In 57 cases, the adjudication proceedings under the Customs Act, 1962 have been concluded and an amount of Rs. 1.54 crores imposed as fine in lieu of confiscation of the cars. An amount of Rs. 62 lakhs has been recovered so far. The remaining cases are at different stages of investigation/adjudication.

(c) In order to check duty evasion by means of fraudulent availment of concessional rate of duty under the EPCG Scheme, the DGFT has taken steps to tighten the eligibility and entitlement conditions for import of vehicles under the EPCG Scheme, by way of a Notification dt. 17th January, 2006. These steps are:

i. The number of vehicles which can be imported by a firm has been restricted in such a manner that the "duty saved amount" on ail such EPCG licenses issued to that firm in a particular year shall not exceed 50% of the average foreign exchange earnings from the hotel, travel, tourism and golf sectors in the preceding three licensing years;

ii. Only those service providers shall be eligible for importing a vehicle under the EPCG Scheme which have a minimum of Rs. 1.5 crore foreign exchange earnings from the hotel, travel, tourism and golf sectors only, in the current and preceding three licensing years.

As regards cases where duty is sought to be evaded by misdeclaring the year of manufacture of the car, the field formations have been alerted to remain vigilant. The assistance of forensic experts is being taken to detect any tampering in the vehicle's chassis number and engine number.

**Setting up of** a **National Heritage Sites Commission**

*460.SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Heritage Sites Commission to tender advice on heritage matters;